

In addition, the Examiner has asserted that the application is directed to numerous distinct species, and has required an election for prosecution on the merits. Inasmuch as Applicant has elected Group IV, and inasmuch as those claims are solely directed to a "wound healing device," it is respectfully submitted that such an election covers only one of the purportedly patentably distinct species identified by the Examiner, and accordingly, no further election is required.

Applicant makes the above elections, with traverse, and without prejudice as to its right for re-consideration of non-elected claims which depend from an allowed generic claim.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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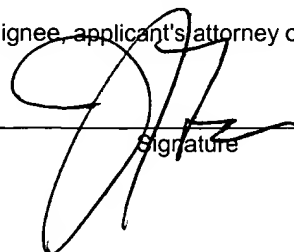
  
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